

**Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes 01/14/2008**

Attendees: Ayala Biluar, Peggy Chu, Dale Jones, Peggy Korn, Galit Lev-Ran, James Liu, Jon Rawinsky, Shauna Ruden, Fiona Sadowski, Susannah Vaughan

Meeting called to order at 7:39pm.

1. Approval of December 17, 2007 Minutes

Dale moved to approve, Jon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

PTA Digital Projector Carts – Dale showed off one of the digital projector carts that PTA paid for. James worked last week to put together 4 of these units. Teachers like the carts so far and like the integration of everything on one cart. They also liked how all the components were anchored down so a student wouldn't accidentally knock something over. Teacher Peggy Chu suggested one improvement which would be to activate the networking so she could print from the system. James says he can put that in once he obtains the WiFi WEP key for the Nimitz Wireless Network. Dale noted that James posted an entire How-To document on the web with parts list and diagrams how to do the assembly. He hopes to get approval for some more one-time funds from the district to build more carts for the teachers.

State Budget Deficit – Dale reported that the California State Governor has announced a fiscal emergency that could impact school budgets by as much as 10%. Parents will probably see no immediate differences. The main impact that will probably be with the staff who will have to ration supplies. In addition, we'll need to look more closely at the Enrichment Program which is currently losing money. This is not to be confused with the Title1 programs (the official 'ACE' classes) which should not be immediately affected. One cause of the losses is declining enrollment, which means fewer students paying for Enrichment classes. Ayala asked if it was possible to sign up her children for more than one class. Dale didn't see why not. Apparently, the flyers that went home initially told parents that they could only sign up for one class per student. Dale admitted that initially we thought the classes would be over subscribed. But we can open it up now.

CDC Day Care – CDC has filed their intent to begin their program. They are standing by and will begin as soon as they receive State approval. Preschool start and end times will be offset so they do not coincide with regular school start and end, and thus should not exacerbate the existing traffic jams.

Carol Kidd Wins Award – Nimitz's Carol Kidd was nominated and won the Classified Employee of the Month Award for the CUSD. The Award ceremony will

this February at the District Board Meeting. Parents and staff are encouraged to give support by attending the next board meeting which is at the District office.

Walkie-Talkies – Dale reported that new Walkie-Talkies arrived last week and he thanked the PTA. These units are very clear and much more powerful and reliable. Dale tested these by walking all the way to the other side of the campus and could still chat with the office personnel loud and clear.

3. President's Report

Walkathon - Fiona suggested that if we wanted to do the Walkathon, we should set a date. Susannah reported that she had had a chat earlier with other parents and suggested that we delegate this event to the Cultural Diversity Committee and give it a cultural flavour. The Diversity meeting will be meeting next Tuesday morning 8:05am in the GLC. Susannah will report back at next month's meeting on any plans set. Tentatively, the idea would be to host this event on a Saturday. And if this is late enough in the year, after Daylight Saving conversion, we could even have this on a weekday after school. The group discussed whether we needed the money. The general consensus was that we are currently \$10K below our target of \$25K raised for the year and indeed could use the funds.

Next PTA Meeting – The Pat Belvel class will collide with our February meeting. The group discussed and agreed to moving this to Feb 13th, a Wednesday.

eScrip – Fiona talked with Peggy Ngai who reported that we currently have 311 supporters and we earned \$331 in November. Susannah and James also showed a Target Visa credit card, which donates a percentage to a designed school. Dale confirmed that the school does get checks from Target. James, who buys a lot of electronics, noted also that Newegg.COM, a big computer component online retailer, is now part of the eScrip program.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jon said our checking account has approximately \$16,000 as a balance with about \$850 expense outstanding for the assembly called "Theatre of Possibilities."

5. Spirit Wear

Fiona talked to Tracey Terrett about T-shirts. Tracey's opinion was to not produce spirit-wear with this other company as mentioned at last month's meeting. So the Spring Spirit-wear will continue with the same vendor.

6. Other Business

Rose planters in the front courtyard. Galit brought up that something needs to be done about the roses in the front courtyard. She emphasized that they pose a safety hazard. Fiona injected that before anyone moves to destroy the rose bushes, she would like to keep them and have them pruned. She added that the children should learn to not walk through the rose beds. Dale admitted that one of the planters needs plantings. He will look into what we can do about the front courtyard.

See's Candy Sale – Susannah said that she plans to place the order for candies in early February and target a Feb 11th delivery. She will need help from parents to distribute the candies on that day.

Book Fair – Fiona wanted to formally tell Shauna Ruden and Peggy Chu that there will be no book fair this year. The reasons were that they didn't find a Parent to lead this event. In addition this has been a stressful, with petty thievery and vandalism of goods. Susannah expressed a shared sentiment by some parents that the small amount of proceeds earned from the book fair was not worth dealing with the issues of crime and damages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by J.Liu.